(c) if so, the reason for this discrimination and the principles on which licences for the use of mikes are granted?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) No, Sir.

" (c) Does not arise."

Depletion of the Ambapoor and Ulliakudi forests.

* 1245 Q.—SRI S. RADHAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any complaint, dated 1st March 1954, from one A. R. Srinivasan of Ambapoor, Udaiyarpalayam taluk, regarding the continued depletion of the Ambapoor and Ulliakudi forests due to the negligence and corrupt practices of the Forest department subordinates; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No, Sir. The District Forest Officer, Tiruchirappalli, has however received a petition, dated 1st March 1954, from Sri A. R. Srinivasan of Ambapoor.

" (b) Some allegations of a general nature are made in the petition against the beat subordinates of Silambur and Andimatam beats of Udayarpalayam Range. The District Forest Officer has asked the Range Officer, Udayarpalayam, to inspect these two beats, enquire into the allegations and take necessary action in the matter."

Point Four aid for Harijan Welfare.

* 1246 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State has got any assistance under the Point Four aid for Harijan Welfare; and

(b) if so, the particulars thereof?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Abolition of courts consequent on the operation of the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Temporary Relief) Act, 1954.

* 1247 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the question of the number of courts which may have to be abolished on account of the operation of the Madras Indebted Agriculturists (Temporary Relief) Act, 1954; and

(b) how the retrenched officers should be provided for in case of such abolition of courts?